

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 9, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, Vice Chairman Warren L. Yeager, Jr., and Commissioners Billy E. Traylor, Bill Williams, and Nathan Peters, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E-911 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Joe Nugent, Supervisor of Elections Linda Griffin, Tax Collector Shirley Jenkins, and Work Crew Supervisor Gerald Shearer.

Sheriff Nugent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., E.T.

Clerk Norris opened the meeting with prayer, and Commissioner Traylor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Williams, and unanimous vote, the consent agenda passed as follows:

1. Minutes - January 26, 2010 – Regular Meeting
2. Bid Advertisement - Public Works Equipment
3. Budget Amendment #2 (Mosquito Control Department and Stormwater Mgmt) as follows:

**Budget Amendment
#2**

Public Works Consolidated Services Fund

(Part of General Fund)

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
<i>Mosquito Control - Human Services:</i>				
281562-12000 Salaries & Wages	\$ 170,794.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,494.00	\$ 146,300.00
281562-12002 Vac Sell Back	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,010.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,010.00
281562-21000 FICA	\$ 10,589.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,518.00	\$ 9,071.00

281562-21500 Medicare	\$ 2,476.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 2,121.00
281562-22000 Retirement	\$ 16,823.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,412.00	\$ 14,411.00
281562-23000 Life, Health, Dental	\$ 40,160.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,610.00	\$ 36,550.00
281562-24000 Workers Comp	\$ 6,675.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,857.00	\$ 3,818.00
281562-34000 Other Contr Srvs	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00
281562-40000 Travel & Per Diem	\$ 7,590.00	\$ 1,262.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,852.00
281562-41000 Communications	\$ 5,175.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 5,174.00
281562-43000 Utilities	\$ 11,414.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 2,164.00
281562-46200 R&M Equip	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,550.00
281562-52000 Operating Supplies	\$ 5,428.00	\$ 101.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,529.00
281562-52100 Gas, Oil, Lub	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
281562-52200 Insecticides	\$ 73,142.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 28,113.00	\$ 45,029.00
281562-52500 Tools & Small	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,750.00
281562-54000 Books, Publ	\$ 150.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
281562-54100 Education Costs	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
281562-55000 Training	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00
281562-64000 Equipment	\$ 900.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 0.00

Stormwater Mgmt - Physical Environment:

281538-12000 Salaries & Wages	\$ 0.00	\$ 28,444.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 28,444.00
281538-21000 FICA	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,764.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,764.00
281538-21500 Medicare	\$ 0.00	\$ 412.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 412.00
281538-22000 Retirement	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,802.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,802.00
281538-23000 Life, Health, Dental	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,804.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,804.00
281538-24000 Workers Comp	\$ 0.00	\$ 741.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 741.00
281538-52200 Insecticides	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,170.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,170.00

(End)

Budget Amendment #3 (Professional Services for Bluemanta Contract) as follows:

**Budget Amendment
#3**

General Fund

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
Building Department:				
B3424-34000 Contractual Services	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,050.00
B3424-41000 Communications	\$ 6,176.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 5,426.00
Gulf County EMS:				
51626-34000 Contractual Services	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 859.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,859.00
51626-52000 Communications	\$28,320.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 859.00	\$ 27,461.00
Grant Administration:				
22313-34000 Contractual Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 430.00
22313-41000 Communications	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 645.00
Human Resources:				
22513-34000 Contractual Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 430.00
22513-41000 Communications	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 945.00
Planning Department:				
34515-34000 Contractual Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,148.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,148.00
34515-46200 R&M – Equip	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$2,148.00	\$ 3,852.00
Veteran Services:				
29153-34000 Contractual Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 859.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 859.00
29153-40000 R&M – Equip	\$12,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 859.00	\$ 11,641.00
Public Works Consolidated Services - Director:				
281513-34000 Contractual Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,019.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,019.00
281513-41000 Communications	\$12,950.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,019.00	\$ 3,931.00

Fine & Forfeiture Fund

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
Jail:				
31123-34000 Contractual Services	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,148.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,148.00
31123-41000 Communications	\$14,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$2,148.00	\$ 12,352.00

Emergency 911 Fund

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
E911:				
24352-34000 Contractual Services	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 3,436.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 46,436.00
24352-46200 R&M Equipment	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$3,436.00	\$ 64.00

(End)

Budget Amendment #4 (Cash Carry Forward and Grant Revenue) as follows:

**Budget Amendment
#4****Overstreet Fire Department Fund**

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
Revenues:				
10898-99000 Cash Carry Forward	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 316.00	\$ 9,684.00
Expenditures:				
32622-64000 Equipment	\$ 2,941.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 316.00	\$ 2,625.00

EMS Grant Fund

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
Revenues:				
11134-22000 EMS Grant	\$ 7,111.00	\$ 0.00	\$7,111.00	\$ 0.00
Expenditures:				
M5126-54100 Education Cost	\$11,104.00	\$ 0.00	\$7,111.00	\$ 3,993.00

Industrial Park Fund

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
Revenues:				
11798-99000 Cash Carry Forward	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 27.00	\$219,973.00
Expenditures:				
55248-31000 Professional Svcs	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 27.00	\$219,973.00

Corrections Impact Fee Fund

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
Revenues:				
13398-99002 Cash Carry Forward	\$ 21,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$2,284.00	\$ 18,916.00

Expenditures:

31152-62100 Bldg Improvements	\$ 21,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$2,284.00	\$ 18,916.00
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Budget Amendment #5 (Increasing South Gulf Fire Department and Decreasing White City Fire Department) as follows:

**Budget Amendment
#5**

St. Joe Fire Control District Fire Department Fund

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
S. Gulf County VFD:				
32922-62001 Buildings>\$25,000	\$370,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$420,000.00
White City VFD:				
32322-64001 Equipment>\$5,000	\$406,149.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$356,149.00

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4. Budget Request – Gulf County A.R.C. and Transportation (\$10,501.00)
5. Inventory – Gulf County Tax Collector (Delete Canon NP2120 Copier * Serial Number vjb34452)
6. Invoices – City of Port St. Joe (St. Joe Beach Sewer * Requisition No. 6 * \$107,867.50 * to be paid from Account #33035-81000)
 - County Attorney Timothy J. McFarland (January, 2010 * \$9,097.02 * to be paid from Account #21314-31100)
 - Florida Medicaid (A.H.C.A. * 1st Quarter * \$3,983.00 * to be paid from Account #42562-81000)
 - Florida Medicaid (A.H.C.A. * 2nd Quarter * \$3,980.00 * to be paid from Account #42562-81000)
 - St. Joseph Bay Humane Society - Animal Housing (January, 2010 * \$3,328.00 * to be paid from Account #43262-82000)
7. Planning/Transportation (M.O.U. Project)
8. Road Closure (Temporary) – U.S. Highway 98 in the vicinity of Veterans' Memorial Park for the Beach Blast Sprint and Olympic Distance Triathlon and Duathlon (April 24, 2010)
9. S.H.I.P. – Rehabilitation Assistance (Melanie Johnson \$5,500.00 * Mary Baxley \$5,500.00)
10. Travel – 2010 National Hurricane Conference (March 29 – April 2, 2010 *

Orlando, FL)

(End)

BUDGET

Chairman McLemore recommended that due to anticipated ad valorem revenue reductions in the next fiscal year, all budgets funded by the County Commission be reduced by 3% effective immediately, and that all Constitutional Officers agree to this mid-year reduction, and that the Clerk be directed to immediately make the budget amendments and place the same in a reserve fund to assist in funding the 2010-2011 budget. Chairman McLemore called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Traylor reported that there are not any funds to fund what they have right now, stating that they have to start in this fiscal year with the cuts to help assist with the 2010-2011 budget. He reported that they will continue to cut budgets to keep from increasing the taxes. Commissioner Traylor reported that there was a tax increase last year, stating that this was by the Gulf County School System. Chairman McLemore reported that he will be working very hard on the budget, stating that it is hard times for everyone. Commissioner Yeager reported that this is not just a local issue, but it is a State-wide issue due to the continued decrease in property values. Chairman McLemore recommended Commissioner Yeager and Commissioner Williams attend any and all meetings at the state level that will benefit Gulf County in keeping the upcoming budget as low as possible. Commissioner Yeager and Commissioner Williams had no objections to attending the meetings. Commissioner Peters reported that he objects to the 3% reduction, stating that the budget has been completed, and that he does not think that the County is in trouble at this time. He discussed that this Board needs to be cautious on spending and hiring employees. Commissioner Williams reported that the 3% budget reductions would not be spent anywhere else, but placed in reserves to assist with the budget cuts for next year's budget. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters, Chairman McLemore reported that he has not met with the Constitutional Officers concerning the 3% reduction and how it will affect their budget. Sheriff Nugent requested that the 3% reduction be taken from the remaining balance of their budget and not funds which have already been spent, and not to spend the funds somewhere else. Commissioner Yeager commended the Constitutional Officers for giving back funds at the end of every year from their unspent budgets. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve the 3% budget reduction. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Peters voting no. Clerk Norris reported that this would be a onetime adjustment, with the exception of the Constitutional Officers budgets. Commissioner Yeager recommended that Clerk Norris, Clerk Financial Officer Hand and Chief Administrator Butler work with all the Constitutional Officers.

E.M.S. GRANT APPLICATION

On behalf of E.M.S. Director McGuffin, Grant Writer Kopinsky requested permission for the Chairman to execute an E.M.S. grant application. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DALKEITH FIRE DEPARTMENT – QUOTES – ENCLOSED TRAILER

Chief Administrator Butler requested permission for the Dalkeith Fire Department to accept quotes in lieu of taking bids, per the bid policy, for a 28 foot enclosed trailer for fire department equipment. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OVERSTREET FIRE DEPARTMENT - I.S.O. RATINGS

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the I.S.O. ratings for the Overstreet Fire Department areas have been completed, and that the rating dropped from 9 to 5 rating, stating that this is great news for the Overstreet residents.

SOUTH GULF FIRE DEPARTMENT – I.S.O. RATINGS

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager, Chief Administrator Butler reported that once the new South Gulf Fire Department is completed, their I.S.O. ratings should be reviewed.

SALINAS PARK PIER – CHANGE ORDER #1- BID #0910-02

Chief Administrator Butler requested approval of proposed change order #1 for the Salinas Park Pier, in the amount of \$1,932.75. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM – METHAMPHETAMINE USAGE

Sheriff Nugent invited everyone to attend a community program at the Old Courthouse in Wewahitchka on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., C.T. on the methamphetamine issue.

TEEN DRIVER CLASS

Sheriff Nugent encouraged parents to check The Star and Gulf County Breeze for upcoming dates in March for the new teen driver classes.

GULF COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE TEAMS

Chairman McLemore commended the Gulf County Search & Rescue teams for all their hard work during the last couple months, stating that they are all volunteers and this County is fortunate to have such a great group of volunteers.

STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Commissioner Yeager reported that Chief Administrator Butler, Assistant Administrator Hammond, and the Engineers will be serving on the storm water committee. Commissioner Williams requested that Stan Price and Tom Graney be contacted to serve on the committee. The Board had no objection.

BEACH DRIVING ORDINANCE / HORSES ON BEACH ORDINANCE

Commissioner Yeager requested County Attorney McFarland review the beach driving and horses on the beach ordinance, stating that the fees have been \$15.00 for many years, and also the possibility of installing a gate code for the beach area. The Board had no objection.

SIGN ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Yeager reported that Ron Schaffer will be serving on the sign ordinance committee, stating that the ordinance is under review by County Attorney McFarland.

ROAD BOND FUNDS

Commissioner Yeager reported that he received an email from Clerk Finance Officer Hand regarding the balance on the road bond fund, in the amount of \$233,709.59. Commissioner Yeager motioned to split the \$233,709.59 equally between the five districts. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

F.E.M.A. – SAND ISSUES

Commissioner Yeager reported that they are still working on the F.E.M.A. sand issues, stating that they are waiting on a denial letter from F.E.M.A. to start the appeal process. He reported that they will be having a meeting the 2nd week of March concerning this issue with Senator Bill Nelson's office and F.E.M.A. Chairman McLemore requested that Commissioner Yeager also address the river sand project with Senator Nelson and F.E.M.A.

JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

Commissioner Yeager discussed that employees are working out of job classification, stating that this is costing the County additional funds, and ask Chief Administrator Butler to elaborate further. Chief Administrator Butler reported that employees were reclassified last year and that with the job demand at this time there are some employees working out of class, stating that if they stay in class the jobs will be completed slower. Commissioner Yeager motioned that only Chief Administrator Butler or Public Works Director Danford are authorized to direct employees to work out of class. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion for discussion. He discussed that you have to be careful because sometimes it can cost more. After further discussion, the motion then passed unanimously.

EASEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY – GULF AIRE BOARDWALK

Commissioner Williams reported that County Attorney McFarland prepared an easement and release of liability and that the homeowners association has agreed to grant limited access so the work crews can empty the trash cans at the end of the boardwalk; stating that there will be no liability to the County. Chairman McLemore reported that this will also need to be approved through the Warden at the prison. Commissioner Yeager reported that all beaches in the State of Florida are public beaches. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the easement and release of liability for the Gulf Aire Boardwalk. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Peters voting no.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES – EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Williams reported that he will be attending an editorial board meeting on Wednesday with the News Herald to discuss better relations and access points with the news media.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – CHIEF OF STAFF BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Commissioner Williams reported that he spoke with the Department of Health Chief of Staff, stating that he requested Commissioner Williams to serve as a Board Representative in the selection of the new Department of Health Representative for Gulf County. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WINDMARK BEACH PHASE I

Commissioner Williams discussed Windmark Beach Phase I and that there are many regulations related to the D.R.I., stating that there are a lot of beach access points that the citizens were guaranteed via the boardwalks. He reported that the homeowners association has blocked the access points to the beach from Windmark, stating that it is a private road but the D.R.I. supersedes. Commissioner Williams motioned for County Attorney McFarland to contact St. Joe Company and get clarification. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Commissioner Williams discussed working with the Intergovernmental Agencies, stating that there have been a lot of friction points, but with this budget crisis the Board needs to work with all Intergovernmental Agencies on duplication of services. He requested that Chairman McLemore contact T.D.C. and E.D.C. to attend the budget meetings. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Chief Administrator Butler reported that the Budget Committee consists of last year's committee plus all the Constitutional Officers this year.

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE - RATE STRUCTURES

Commissioner Williams requested Chief Administrator Butler contact the City of Port St. Joe concerning the issues with the rate structures.

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL – DEDICATION

Commissioner Peters reported that Sacred Heart Hospital will hold their dedication ceremonies on Thursday, February 18, 2010, and encouraged all County Commissioners to attend.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Commissioner Peters discussed that the Sheriff has two people working with the Judges in the Courthouse, and requested that one person monitor the front entrance with the back entrance to stay locked. Sheriff Nugent reported that he has requested

this process in the past and it was denied. Chairman McLemore reported that funding is the problem with placing a metal detector at the front entrance. Clerk Norris agreed with Commissioner Peters and stated that you cannot place a price on safety. Chairman Peters reported that all the Constitution Officers have emergency buttons installed in their offices which are connected to the Sheriff's Department.

DIRT HAULING

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters, Commissioner Williams reported that the dirt hauling has not been for individuals it has been for the landfill and consolidation site. Chief Administrator Butler reported that they need a lot of dirt at the landfill and the consolidation site. Commissioner Peters reported that he had received a call concerning Chairman McLemore hauling dirt to private citizens. Chairman McLemore reported that he has not hauled any dirt since the new policy was passed. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Public Works Director Danford reported that they have done some shoulder work on a culvert in which there was a problem.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH – HARRY K. SINGLETARY

Commissioner Peters reported that February is Black History Month and that he would like to make mention to one great American, Harry K. Singletary, Secretary of Department of Corrections, serving from 1991 to 1999.

STIMULUS FUNDS

Commissioner Traylor discussed the President's speech last week, stating that he requested Chief Administrator Butler to send a letter to Senator Nelson concerning the unspent stimulus funds and the possibility of creating more jobs. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

STATE MANDATES

Commissioner Traylor reported that the County cannot continue to keep funding all programs with the State continuously dropping more mandates on the Counties.

FUNDING REQUEST

Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Yeager, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the following funding request.

District 2	Wewahitchka H.S. Boys Baseball	\$200.00
	Wewahitchka Little League	\$100.00
	Wewahitchka H.S. Girls Softball	\$200.00
	Wewahitchka Girls Dixie Youth Softball	\$100.00
District 5	Port St. Joe Girls Dixie Youth Softball	\$200.00
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INDUSTRIAL PARK

Chairman McLemore discussed the Industrial Park in Dalkeith, and requested for E.D.C. to work with David Taunton on the possibility of creating jobs for the County.

LANDFILL

Chairman McLemore discussed the landfill tipping fees, stating that since 10/1/2009 there has been \$41,000.00 collected, and there is no benefit from the North end of the County. He recommended that two trailers be placed at Wetappo for the residents of Wewahitchka, and look at a way to charge. Commissioner Yeager reported that this will have to be for the same amount of money, stating that this is a service to the residents not a way to generate revenue. Commissioner Peters discussed that this will not be the same amount, because someone will have to change out the trailers and haul them to the landfill. Chairman McLemore reported that there are three trucks picking up roadside trash, stating that there only needs to be two trucks running.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR – DOUG KENT

Chairman McLemore recognized Gulf County Health Department Administrator Doug Kent for all his hard work during his time as Administrator of the Gulf County Health Department, stating that Mr. Kent has accepted a new job as Administrator of the Bay County Health Department. Mr. Kent reported that working with this Board has been very proud moments, stating that the most memorable was when this Board passed by majority vote to adopt a ½ cent sales tax and the people in the audience applauded the Board. Commissioner Traylor discussed that this County has the finest Health Departments in this area, stating that there is one on each end of the County serving the needs of this County. Commissioner Yeager reported that Mr. Kent has always wanted to provide services to the residents of this County. Mr. Kent reported that the Health Departments do not cost this County anything, and that they have always been able to give back. Commissioner Williams reported that Mr. Kent has been a champion for this County and will be for Bay County.

S.B. 1632

Doug Kent reported that S.B. 1632 is a bill that will counteract what happened last year for rate, stating that they were placed under the State system for hiring and that he has lost over 20% of his staff this year. He requested that this Board encourage our Senators to support S.B. 1632, stating that if you want local control then support S.B. 1632. Commissioner Williams reported that the Florida Association of Counties has addressed this as a #1 priority, stating that they will be fighting for S.B. 1632.

YOUTH ENRICHMENT & PREVENTION PROGRAM

Troy White appeared before the Board and discussed the new Youth Enrichment & Prevention program in Gulf County, and requested a letter of support from the Board. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. White reported that the youth will have the opportunity to intern at a local television station, and that there has never been a television station in this County, stating that this has now changed and WEWA17 will be the new local station. Commissioner Traylor motioned to give \$100.00 to the Youth

Enrichment & Prevention program from District 2 Recreational Fund. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ST. JOE BEACH WATER & SEWER

Upon inquiry by Alex Povilaitis of St. Joe Beach, Commissioner Williams reported that he does understand the concept of the grinder pumps installed in the St. Joe Beach area. Mr. Povilaitis reported that he has talked to a lot of people and they have never paid a water bill like they are paying now. Chairman McLemore reported that Commissioner Williams has been working with the City of Port St. Joe concerning this issue. Commissioner Williams discussed that this has been an ongoing issue with the City of Port St. Joe concerning increased rates, stating that it has almost gone to litigation and this Board has supported him on this issue. He stated that this Board has no authority over the City of Port St. Joe. He reported that the City of Port St. Joe is not regulated by the Public Service Commission; they are only regulated by the voters. Commissioner Traylor reported that this Board has not misled the citizens, but that the City of Port St. Joe has misled the people on the water & sewer.

LANDFILL

Mark Hatcher of White City appeared before the Board and discussed the landfill rates, stating that it cost him \$100.00 to dump at the landfill. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Mr. Hatcher reported that it was 2.74 tons of shingles removed from his home, and that he received a warning letter from Code Enforcement because he could not afford to haul the second load to the landfill. Commissioner Williams reported that Mr. Hatcher contacted him concerning this issue, stating that he has referred him to the Christian Coalition for assistance in these type situations. Chairman McLemore discussed that this Board is working on this issue. Mr. Hatcher suggested the possibility of allowing residents to dump for free one day a month at the landfill. Commissioner Williams reported that he will follow up with Code Enforcement and report back to Mr. Hatcher.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:34 p.m., E.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**